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SUBJECT: PARM: COUNTRY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING COUNTRY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED FOR
MISSION USE IN PREPARING POLICY ASSESSMENT AND RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT REVIEW (PARM) SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT.

2. LONG-TERM US STRATEGIC INTERESTS: US INTERESTS IN
BOLIVIA CONTINUE TO BE THOSE DEFINED IN FY 1977-78 COUNTRY
ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY PAPER FOR BOLIVIA (A-4257 OF AUGUST
23, 1976), AS SUPPLEMENTED BY OTHER GUIDANCE MATERIALS
SUPPLIED BY DEPARTMENT TO POST. SOME SPECIFIC INTERESTS
WHICH WILL BE OF PRIORITY CONCERN DURING THE PARM TIMEFRAME
INCLUDE: HUMAN RIGHTS, PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF US CITI-
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ZENS, CONTROL OF THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC, ARMS CONTROL AND
AVOIDANCE OF CONFLICT IN THE REGION, BOLIVIAN VOTING SUP-
PORT IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, ACCESS TO NATURAL RESOURCES AND
EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN THE BOLIVIAN MARKET.

3. KEY POLICY ISSUES: WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT
WHICH OF OUR PRIORITY CONCERNS WILL GIVE RISE TO KEY

POLICY ISSUES, HUMAN RIGHTS WILL OBVIOUSLY CONTINUE TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTHERN CONE, INCLUDING BOLIVIA. HERETOFORE, WE HAVE BEEN

CAREFUL TO DISTINGUISH BOLIVIA'S RELATIVELY ACCEPTABLE RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN RECENT YEARS FROM THE LESS ACCEPTABLE PRACTICES OF SEVERAL OF ITS NEIGHBORS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS DISTINCTION IN THE FUTURE, GRANTED CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA (GOB) PERFORMANCE IN THIS AREA. WHILE SENIOR LEVELS OF THE GOB APPEAR TO BE HIGHLY SENSITIZED TO OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS, WE SHOULD REITERATE OUR INTEREST IN RIGHTS-RELATED MATTERS, AT APPROPRIATE INTERVALS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS AND WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUAL PRISONERS WHOSE CASES RECEIVE PUBLICITY FROM PRIVATE OR MULTILATERAL RIGHTS AGENCIES. ANOTHER MAJOR ISSUE WHICH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY REQUIRE OUR ATTENTION DURING THE PARM CYCLE CONCERNS ARMS TRANSFERS AND REGIONAL PEACE. OUR POLICY DECISIONS IN THIS DELICATE AREA WILL DEPEND HEAVILY UPON THE COURSES OF ACTION UNDERTAKEN BY INDIVIDUAL NATIONS IN THE REGION, MOST NOTABLY IN THE AREA OF ARMS ACQUISITIONS. IT WILL BE A CONTINUING POLICY OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE BOLIVIA TO DEVOTE ITS SCARCE RESOURCES TO INTERNAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, RATHER THAN TO ARMAMENTS EXPENDITURES. AMONG THE KEY INSTRUMENTALITIES AVAILABLE TO US IN THIS PERSUASIVE ROLE WILL BE OUR TRADITIONAL BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, GROWING MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE IDB AND WORLD BANK, PLUS NEW INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE POSSIBLE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN BOLIVIA. IN
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THIS CONTEXT, OUR SIZEABLE FMS CREDIT PROGRAM, NOW THE SECOND LARGEST IN THE HEMISPHERE AFTER COLOMBIA, CAN ONLY BE JUSTIFIED IF CREDITS CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PURPOSES, RATHER THAN FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MODERN ARMS WITH POTENTIAL OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES.

4. OVERALL, US OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA IN THE NEAR-TERM FUTURE SHOULD LARGELY CONTINUE ALONG ESTABLISHED LINES OF POLICY. WE SHOULD SEEK TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND OUR COMMUNICATION WITH ALL OF THE DIVERSE SECTORS OF THIS RAPIDLY-GROWING AND INCREASINGLY SELF-CONFIDENT NATION.
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